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MEMORANDUM FOR

THE SECRETARY OF STATE

THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

SUBJECT: Declassification of Record of June 7 Secret Session
of Senate on Laos

The President has considered the recommendations of the Acting Secretary of State contained in his July 14, 1971 memorandum and has made the following decisions as regards declassification of the record of the June 7 secret session of the Senate on Laos:

1) The CIA role in Laos with respect to the Lao irregulars may be declassified, [redacted]

[redacted] The Agency's role should be described as assisting in organizing irregular forces and providing limited advice.

2) Sortie rates over Laos by U. S. aircraft will be declassified. However, the declassified sortie rates should be given as totals for all Laos, with a breakdown between northern and southern Laos agreed to only as a fall-back position.

3) MAP/MASF total annual figures for Laos for Fiscal Years 1963 to 1972 inclusive will be declassified.

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5) As concerns the funding of [redacted] only the statement that the staff was told in the field that possibly some funds came from DOD can be declassified. [redacted]

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The President has also decided that Administration officials will oppose the imposition of any ceiling on the program in Laos.


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